

## BOOK REVIEWS

**BEAL, ERNEST O. and JOHN W. THIERET.** 1986. Aquatic and Wetland plants of Kentucky. Kentucky Nature Preserves Commission Scientific and Technical Series Number 5. Kentucky Nature Preserves Commission, 407 Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40601. Paper \$20.00 + \$1.50 per book for postage and handling. 315 pp. Illustrations by Sara Fish Brown.

This is an excellent identification manual that contains keys and diagrammatic illustrations, more often than not, emphasizing and illustrating the key taxonomic characters. The arrangement of the taxa and illustrations is simplified by being alphabetical. It is recommended as a supplement to anyone's library for its wide ranging application. WFM.

**GRAINGE, MICHAEL and SALEEM AHMED.** 1988. Handbook of Plants with Pest-Control Properties. John Wiley & Sons. The authors are with the Resource Systems Institute of the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The volume is a computerized database with data taken from the literature. "Information in this document is presented in three sections. Section I catalogues about 2,300 plants having pest-control properties; Section II is a listing of about 800 pests and the plants that reportedly control them; and Section III lists another 1,000 plants that are either poisonous in nature or reportedly control diseases and nematodes of humans and animals. The latter are candidate plants for screening for activity against crop pests." This is an excellent basic reference for any contemplated study of this subdiscipline. WFM.

**SCHULTES, R.E.** 1988. Where the Gods Reign, Plants and Peoples of the Colombian Amazon. 308 pp. Synergetic Press, Inc., P. O. Box 689, Oracle, AZ 85623.

This volume is a collection of annotated black and white photographs depicting the vegetation and life of the Colombian Amazon. In addition to the Preface and Foreward, there is a very informative chapter on "Amazonia" covering the history, topography, climate, people, etc.